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Mr. Gayle F. McKeachnie 121 East Main Street Vernal, UT 84078

Dear Mr. McKeachnie:

The District understands that through your telephone conversation with Keith Hooper on May 2, 1994, you requested written clarification regarding the use of Starvation Reservoir to regulate non-Central Utah Project (CUP) irrigation water.

The ability to regulate non-CUP water through Starvation Reservoir on a short term basis, up to two weeks, has been made available to the Strawberry-Duchesne River Commissioner by the District since 1992. It has also been identified in each of the interim distribution schedules for the Duchesne area adopted since that time. Regulation of non-CUP water allows for more efficient use of the available water supply and can be accomplished without affecting the District nor impairing other's water rights.

For the 1994 irrigation season, the District will again provide for regulation of non-CUP water in Starvation Reservoir for Uintah Basin Irrigation Company and others. The regulation will be on a space available basis, so long as other water rights are not impaired. Currently there is over 5,500 acre-feet of space in the reservoir; therefore we foresee no capacity problems for the remainder of the 1994 irrigation season. Regulation will be subject to approval of the State Engineer and will be administered through his Strawberry-Duchesne River Commissioner.

I hope this information will be of help. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Hooper at 738-2241.

Sincerely yours,

Don A. Christiansen General Manager

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